MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD **FEBRUARY 19, 2016** DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Official EOB Approved On September 13, 2016

Notice of Public Meeting - The Environmental Quality Board (Board) convened for a Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m., at the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This meeting was held in accordance with 25 O.S. Section 311, with notice of the meeting given to the Secretary of State on October 20, 2015. The agenda was mailed to interested parties on February 10, 2016, and was posted at the DEQ and the facility on February 18, 2016. Ms. Kunze, Chair, called the meeting to order. Ms. Fields called roll and a quorum was confirmed. Ms. Turner talked on safety precautions in case of an emergency.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Blankenship Shannon Ferrell David Griesel Tracy Hammon Jimmy Kinder Jan Kunze Steve Mason Tim Munson Homer Nicholson Billy Sims Loretta Turner Cheryl Vaught

John Wendling

DEQ STAFF PRESENT

Scott Thompson, Executive Director Jimmy Givens, Deputy Executive Director Martha Penisten. General Counsel Michelle Wynn, Legislative Liaison Beverly Botchlet-Smith, Air Quality Division Cheryl Bradley, Air Quality Division

Catherine Sharp, Administrative Services Division Chris Armstrong, State Environmental Laboratory Services Lloyd Kirk, Office of External Affairs

Mathew Hamrick, Chief Procurement Officer Gary Collins, Environmental Complaints& Local Services Richard McDaniel, Environmental Complaints & Local Services Loree Boyanton, Environmental Complaints & Local Services George Russell, Environmental Complaints & Local Services

Bruce Vande Lune, Environmental Complaints & Local Services Shellie Chard-McClary, Water Quality Division

Carl Parrott, Water Quality Division Michael Moe, Water Quality Division Brooks Kirlin, Air Quality Division Kelly Dixon, Land Protection Division Hillary Young, Land Protection Division David Cates, Land Protection Division Kole Kennedy, Land Protection Division Patrick Riley, Land Protection Division Tad Alford, Environmental Attorney

Laura Finley, Environmental Attorney Supervisor Skylar McElhaney, Office of External Affairs Erin Hatfield, Office of External Affairs Cindy Przekurat, Executive Director's Office Kathy Aebischer, Administrative Services Division

Quiana Fields, Board & Council Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Secretary Michael Teague, Office of the Secretary of Energy & Environment

Tyler Powell, Office of the Secretary of Energy & Environment

Clayton Eubanks, Office of the Attorney General Laura Lodes, Air Quality Advisory Council

Duane Winegardner, Water Quality Management Advisory Council

Lynette Wrany, Court Reporter

Approval of Minutes - Mr. Kinder moved to approve the Minutes from the November 10, 2015 Regular Meeting. Mr. Wendling made the second.

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Daniel Blankenship

Yes

Homer Nicholson

Yes

Shannon Ferrell	Yes	Billy Sims	Yes
David Griesel	Yes	Loretta Turner	Yes
Tracy Hammon	Abstain	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Tim Munson	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes

Election of Officers – Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for Calendar Year 2016 – Ms. Kunze opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Mr. Sims nominated Ms. Kunze and Mr. Munson made the second. Mr. Kinder made a motion to cease the nomination and elect Ms. Kunze by acclamation. Mr. Ferrell made the second.

	transcript pages 10 - 11		
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Shannon Ferrell	Yes	Billy Sims	Yes
David Griesel	Yes	Loretta Turner	Yes
Tracy Hammon	Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Tim Munson	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes

Ms. Kunze then called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Ms. Vaught nominated Mr. Munson and Mr. Wendling made the second. Mr. Sims made a motion to cease the nomination and elect Mr. Munson by acclamation. Mr. Kinder made the second.

	transcript pages 12 - 13		
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Shannon Ferrell	Yes	Billy Sims	Yes
David Griesel	Yes	Loretta Turner	Yes
Tracy Hammon	Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Tim Munson	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes

Rulemaking – OAC 252:100 Air Pollution Control – Ms. Laura Lodes of the Air Quality Advisory Council (AQAC) stated the DEQ is proposing to amend OAC 252:100-9, Excess Emission Reporting Requirements, to comply with the "State Implementation Plan (SIP) Call to Amend Provisions Applying to Excess Emissions During Periods of Startup, Shutdown and Malfunctions" (SSM), and to conform with EPA's restated and updated SSM policy applicable to SIPs. At the November 2015 Board meeting Air Quality staff requested that the Board return a version of this rule previously recommended to the Council for further consideration. This request was made to allow staff to correct information in the record and allow Council members the opportunity to reconsider the revised proposal along with all the relevant facts. The AQAC unanimously approved the revised proposal at its January 2016 Council meeting. Following questions by the Board and none by the public, Ms. Kunze called for a motion. Mr. Ferrell moved to approve and Mr. Munson made the second.

	transcript pages 13 - 20		
Daniel Blankenship	Yes	Homer Nicholson	Yes
Shannon Ferrell	Yes	Billy Sims	Yes
David Griesel	Yes	Loretta Turner	Yes
Tracy Hammon	Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Tim Munson	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes

Ms. Lodes stated the DEQ also proposes to replace the existing OAC 252:100, Appendix E. Primary Ambient Air Quality Standards and the existing Appendix F, Secondary Ambient Air Quality Standards with a new and updated Appendix E and F in order to maintain consistency with recent federal changes to the primary and secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. Following no questions or comments by the Board or the public. Ms. Kunze called for a motion. Mr. Kinder moved to approve and Ms. Turner made the second.

Daniel Blankenship	Yes	Homer Nicholson	Yes
Shannon Ferrell	Yes	Billy Sims	Yes
David Griesel	Yes	Loretta Turner	Yes
Tracy Hammon	Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Tim Munson	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes

Rulemaking – OAC 252:517 Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals From Electric Utilities [NEW] – Ms. Kunze called upon Mr. Jeff Shepherd, Chair of the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWMAC), to present the rule. Mr. Shepherd stated the DEQ is proposing to create a new chapter, OAC 252:517, Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals From Electric Utilities, in response to new federal requirements pertaining to the disposal of coal combustion residuals (CCR) generated from the combustion of coal at electric utilities and independent power producers. DEQ proposes to incorporate the requirements of 40 CFR 257, Subpart D in its entirety and insert, where appropriate, additional language to enable DEQ to permit CCR facilities and enforce the new requirements. This proposed rulemaking is related to the proposed rulemaking regarding OAC 252:515, which excludes disposal of CCR from regulation under OAC 252:515. Following questions by the Board and the public, Ms. Kunze called for a motion to approve the rule with corrections. Mr. Sims moved to approve and Mr. Griesel made the second.

	transcript pages 22 - 32		
Daniel Blankenship	Yes	Homer Nicholson	Yes
Shannon Ferrell	Yes	Billy Sims	Yes
David Griesel	Yes	Loretta Turner	Yes:
Tracy Hammon	Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Tim Munson	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes

Rulemaking – OAC 252:515 Solid Waste Management – Mr. Shepherd stated the DEQ is proposing to amend OAC 252:515-1-1 to exclude from regulation under OAC 252:515 solid waste disposal facilities used exclusively for disposal of coal combustion residuals (CCR or coal ash) generated from the combustion of coal at electric utilities and independent power producers. This proposed rulemaking is related to the rulemaking, where the DEQ is proposing to create a new Chapter OAC 252:517 to regulate coal combustion residual disposal facilities. Following no questions or comments by the Board or the public, Ms. Kunze called for a motion. Mr. Ferrell moved to approve and Mr. Wendling made the second.

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Daniel Blankenship	Yes	Homer Nicholson	Yes
Shannon Ferrell	Yes	Billy Sims	Yes
David Griesel	Yes	Loretta Turner	Yes
Tracy Hammon	Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Tim Munson	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes

Ms. Kunze welcomed Secretary Michael Teague, Office of the Secretary of Energy & Environment, to the meeting.

Rulemaking – OAC 252:606 Oklahoma Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (OPDES) Standards – M s. Kunze called upon Mr. Duane Winegardner, Chair of the Water Quality Management Advisory Council (WQMAC), to present the rule. Mr. Winegardner stated the DEQ is proposing to amend OAC 252:606-1-4 to change the date of the incorporation by reference of federal regulations from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2015. The most significant changes in the updated federal regulations relate to cooling water intake structures at industrial facilities and the Sufficiently Sensitive Methods Rule (SSMR), which requires permittees to use EPA-approved analytical methods that can detect and measure pollutants at or below the water quality criteria.

Following no questions or comments by the Board or the public, Ms. Kunze called for a motion. Mr. Ferrell moved to approve and Mr. Blankenship made the second.

	transcript pages 36 - 39		
Daniel Blankenship	Yes	Homer Nicholson	Yes
Shannon Ferrell	Yes	Billy Sims	Yes
David Griesel	Yes	Loretta Turner	Yes
Tracy Hammon	Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Tim Munson	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes

OAC 252:626 Public Water Supply Construction Standards - Mr. Winegardner stated the DEQ is proposing to amend OAC 252:626, Subchapters 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 13. The proposed amendments include: definitions for "25-year flood" and "100 - year flood"; certain other definitions to be consistent with other DEQ and federal regulations; language to require maps, site plans and schematic layout of treatment facilities with engineering reports; clarification that the requirement for standby power and elevated storage is to be based on peak hourly demand; a requirement for a concrete splash pad outside the well house where blow-off valve discharges occur; a requirement that filters be equipped to indicate or otherwise measure head loss; a requirement that each filter unit indicate the instantaneous rate of flow; a requirement that mechanical dewatering of residuals be constructed in accordance with OAC 252:656-15(3). (4) and (5); clarification of the requirements for residual lagoons; a requirement that plant outfalls be designed and constructed in accordance with OAC 252:656-9-3 when wastewater is discharged; and other minor clarifications. The DEQ also proposes to revoke and replace the existing Appendix E with a new, updated Appendix E, Gravel Support for Rapid Rate and Slow Sand Filters. Following questions by the Board and none by the public, Ms. Kunze called for a motion. Mr. Blankenship moved to approve and Mr. Munson made the second.

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Yes	Homer Nicholson	Yes
Yes	Billy Sims	Yes
Yes	Loretta Turner	Yes
Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes
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OAC 252:631 Public Water Supply Operation – Mr. Winegardner stated the DEQ is proposing to amend OAC 252:631, Subchapters 1 and 3 to: replace "Laboratory Certification" with "Laboratory Accreditation" rules; clarify certain definitions; update the date of incorporation by reference of certain federal regulations from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2015; add language incorporating Subparts S and Y of the microbiological standards in accordance with 40 CFR Sections 141.63; replace "turbidity" with "filtration, disinfection, and enhanced treatment" standards in accordance with 40 CFR Sections 141.73 and 141.173; add "lead, copper, and corrosivity standards" in accordance with 40 CFR Part 141, Subpart I; replace "coliform" and "microbiological" requirements in accordance with 40 CFR Sections 141. Subparts S and Y; add enhanced treatment requirements in accordance with 40 CFR Sections 141.74 and 141.174, Subparts T and W; add Subparts U and V in accordance with 40 CFR Part 141; clarify the requirements for laboratory accreditation and validation of data to be consistent with federal requirements; and other minor clarifications. Following no questions or comments by the Board or the public, Ms. Kunze called for a motion. Mr. Munson moved to approve and Mr. Nicholson made the second.

	transcript pages 43 - 46		
Daniel Blankenship	Yes	Homer Nicholson	Yes
Shannon Ferrell	Yes	Billy Sims	Yes
David Griesel	Yes	Loretta Turner	Yes
Tracy Hammon	Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Tim Munson	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes

Rulemaking – OAC 252:690 Water Quality Standards Implementation – Mr. Winegardner stated the DEQ is proposing to amend OAC 252:690, Subchapters 1, 3 and 5 and to update Appendix B. The amendments include: the deletion of the term "CFU" (colony forming units) from Subchapters 1 and 3 in accordance with changes made by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; updating the date of incorporation by reference for federal regulations from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2015, including the Sufficiently Sensitive Methods Rule (SSMR); correcting a citation in Subchapter 5; and updating Appendix B by revoking the existing Appendix B and replacing it with an updated Appendix B (Priority and Non-priority Pollutants with Numerical Criteria Requiring Reasonable Potential Screening) to implement the SSMR. Following questions by the Board and none by the public, Ms. Kunze called for a motion. Mr. Blankenship moved to approve and Mr. Nicholson made the second.

	transcript pages 46 - 51		
Daniel Blankenship	Yes	Homer Nicholson	Yes
Shannon Ferrell	Yes	Billy Sims	Yes
David Griesel	Yes	Loretta Turner	Yes
Tracy Hammon	Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Tim Munson	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Scott Thompson, Executive Director of the DEQ, discussed agency activities underway and Senate and House Bills underway. Mr. Thompson called upon Ms. Kathy Aebischer, Chief Financial Officer of the DEQ. Ms. Aebischer gave a presentation on the DEQ budget.

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Mr. Mason entered the meeting.

Executive Session – Review Relating to Executive Director – Among the statutory duties of the Board are responsibilities to appoint and set the compensation of the Executive Director and to assist the DEQ in conducting periodic reviews and planning activities related to the goals, objectives, priorities, and policies of the DEQ. Ms. Kunze called for a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1). Mr. Ferrell moved to approve and Mr. Kinder made the second. Ms. Vaught was designated as the scribe for executive session.

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David Griesel	Yes	Loretta Turner	Yes
Tracy Hammon	Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Steve Mason	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes
Tim Munson	Yes		

Mr. Nicholson and Ms. Turner left the meeting.

In open session, Ms. Kunze called for a roll call vote to reconvene the Regular Board meeting.

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Daniel Blankenship	Yes	Tim Munson	Yes
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David Griesel	Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes
Tracy Hammon	Yes	John Wendling	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes
Steve Mason	Yes		

Ms. Kunze thanked Mr. Thompson and staff in moving the agency forward.

New Business - None

Next Meeting – The next regular meeting is set for June 14, 2016 in Oklahoma City, DEQ Multipurpose Room. Ms. Kunze reported that this meeting may not be necessary.

Adjournment – Ms. Kunze called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ferrell moved to adjourn and Mr. Blankenship made the second. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

	transcript pages 77 – 78			
Daniel Blankenship	Yes	Tim Munson	Yes	
Shannon Ferrell	Yes	Billy Sims	Yes	
David Griesel	Yes	Cheryl Vaught	Yes	
Tracy Hammon	Yes	John Wendling	Yes	
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	Jan Kunze	Yes	
Steve Mason	Yes			

The transcript and sign-in sheet become an official part of these Minutes.

	EQB Meering	_	2/19/2016	
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1	OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	1	Call to order - 9:30 A.M.	
2	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD	'		
3		I -	CHAIRMAN JAN KUNZE: I'm going to call our meeting to order.	
4		4	-	
5		'	The February 19th, 2016 regular meeting of	
7			the Environmental Quality Board has been called according to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section	
8		1	311 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes.	
10	REGULAR MEETING	ľ	Notice was filed with the Secretary of State	
11	FEBRUARY 19, 2016 - 9 30 A.M.	"	•	
12		10	on October 20th, 2015.	
13 14			Agendas were mailed to interested parties on	
15			February 10th, 2016 and were posted at the DEQ and the	
	Multipurpose Room		facility on February 18th, 2016. Only matters	
16	OK Department of Environmental Quality		appearing on the posted Agenda may be considered.	
17	707 N. Robinson	14	If this meeting is continued or reconvened,	1
18	Oklahoma City, OK	15		
19		16	continued meeting and the Agenda for such continuation	
20 21		17		
22		18	And with that, I want to say welcome to our	- 1
23	Perented by Lucette H. Mirroy, C. P. D. #4467	19	first meeting of the year. And I'm going to ask	
24 25	Reported by: Lynette H. Wrany, C.S.R. #1167	20	Loretta to start us off, open our meeting, with some	
23		21	housekeeping items and an announcement.	
1		22	MS, LORETTA TURNER: Thanks, Jan.	
1		23	So just a note for those visitors and those	
1			who haven't been here before, the restrooms are down	1
-		25	the hall, out either one of these back doors down the	
	2			4
1	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	١,	hall. The Mee's is on the first hallows and as you	
2	Chairman Jan Kunze	ı	hall. The Men's is on the first hallway and, as you go around the corner, the Women's is there. Or if you	
	Vice-Chair Tim Munson			
3	Mr. Daniel Blankenship	4	go this way, the opposite way.	
4	Mr. Shannon Ferrell Mr. David Grieset	l '	In case of any emergencies, a fire or	- [
7	Dr. Tracy Hammon		anything, the closest doors are obviously the ones	-
5	Mr. James Kinder		most of us came in this morning and out across the	- 1
	Mr. Steve Mason	. /	street. In the case of a tornado or extremely strong	
6			winds today, not away from the windows and move	
1	Mr. Homer Nicholson	8	winds today, get away from the windows and move	
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1	was trying to listen carefully to you. So maybe you	1	VICE-CHAIRMAN TIM MUNSON: Second.	
1	can help me out.	2		
3	In section —	3		
4	UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We can't hear you.	4		
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6	page - page 2. Sorry. Page 2 on section (c).	6		
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8	MR. JOHN WENDLING: On alternate emission	8	MS. QUIANA FIELDS: Mr. Griesel?	
9	limits?	9	MR. DAVID GRIESEL: Yes.	
10	MS. LAURA LODES: Uh-huh.	10	MS. QUIANA FIELDS Dr. Hammon?	
11	MR. JOHN WENDLING: It seems to start out	11	DR, TRACY HAMMON, Yes.	
12	saying that - that if you have in your permit a	12	MS. QUIANA FIELDS: Mr. Kinder?	
13	Startup/Shutdown emission levels, then, if you stay	13	MR. JAMES KINDER: Yes.	
14	within that, it's not considered a violation, is how I	14	MS. QUIANA FIELDS: Mr. Munson?	
15	read that. But then it follows by saying that - it's	15	VICE CHAIRMAN TIM MUNSON: Yes.	
16	almost like it says, well, on the other hand, it can't	16	MS, QUIANA FIELDS: Mr. Nicholson?	
17	be greater than the SIP.	17	MR. HOMER NICHOLSON: Yes.	
18	And my question is, does the SIP mean normal	18	MS. QUIANA FIELDS: Mr. Sims?	
19	operations?	19	MR. BILLY SIMS. Yes.	
20	MS. LAURA LODES: No. The SIP would be what	20	MS. QUIANA FIELDS: Ms. Tumer?	
21	we have approved as part of our State Implementation	21	MS, LORETTA TURNER; Yes,	
22	Plan. So that is what we've done to protect the	22	MS, QUIANA FIELDS: Ms. Vaught?	
23	NAAQS. And so, if you've got Startup and Shutdown	23	MS. CHERYL VAUGHT: Yes.	
24	approved as part of your permit that went through	24	MS, QUIANA FIELDS Mr. Wendling?	ĺ
25	either Subchapter 7 or Subchapter 8 in the permitting	25	MR. JOHN WENDLING: Yes.	
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22 reasons: 1), it allows the federal rules to be simply

23 moved into the new chapter largely intact, 2) it

24 clearly describes who is required to follow these

25 rules so there is no confusion for other facilities

22 utilities.

This rulemaking action is proposed in

24 response to new CCR disposal requirements promulgated

25 by EPA found in 40 CFR, Part 257, Subpart D. The new

25 public? I believe Bud has a -- has a comment.

25 done some -- beforehand had done some inquiry about

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1	modifications.	1	MR. BILLY SIMS: Yes.	
2	During the public meetings it was suggested	2		
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5	incorporated into the text by having a separate	5		
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10	or discussion from the Board?	10		
111	MR. DANIEL BLANKENSHIP: I have a question.	11	CHAIRMAN JAN KUNZE: Thank you. And Duane,	
12	•		I'll let you continue with 631.	
13	MR. DANIEL BLANKENSHIP: The change in the	13	MR. DUANE WINEGARDNER: Thank you, For	
14		14	Chapter 631, Public Water Supply Operation, the	
	Minor Public Water supply systems is just a	15	Department is proposing to make the following changes:	
	clarification. It does not change the threshold, the	16	Number 1, replace "Laboratory Certification"	
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	system, is that correct?	18	Number 2, add or clarify the definitions for	
19	MR. DUANE WINEGARDNER: That is correct.	19	"Maximum contaminant level," "Maximum residual	
20	MR. DANIEL BLANKENSHIP: Okay. So none of	20		
1	the current Minor water systems they'll continue to	21	Standards," "Public Water Supply system," "Community	
1	be regulated as Minor water systems?	22	Water Supply system," and "Minor Water Supply system,"	
23	MR. DUANE WINEGARDNER: Oh, yes. Yes.	23	Number 3, update the rules concerning the	
24	MR. DANIEL BLANKENSHIP: Okay. Thanks,	24	date of incorporation by reference of certain federal	
25	CHAIRMAN JAN KUNZE: Any additional questions		regulations from July 1st, 2014 to July 1st, 2015;	
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1	or discussion from the Board?	1	Number 4, the additional listing of headings	
2	Do I have any comments or questions from the	2	and subparts for federal rules that have already been	
3		3	adapted in previous rulemakings, which is intended to	
4	With that, I'll ask if I have a motion.	4	make these rules easier to identify and locate:	
5	MR. DANIEL BLANKENSHIP. So moved.	5	Number 5, clarify the requirements for	
6	CHAIRMAN JAN KUNZE I have a motion. Do I	6	laboratory accreditation and validation of data to be	
7	have a second?		consistent with federal requirements (this includes	
8	VICE CHAIRMAN TIM MUNSON Second.	8	emergency reporting of positive E. coli results), and	
9	CHAIRMAN JAN KUNZE: Motion and second. Roll	9	Number 6, several other minor modifications.	
	call.	10	During the informal public meetings a	
11	MS. QUIANA FIELDS: Mr. Blankenship?	11		
12	MR. DANIEL BLANKENSHIP. Yes.		removed from the Public Water Supply system	
13	MS, QUIANA FIELDS: Mr. Ferrell?		definition. This change was incorporated into the	
14	MR. SHANNON FERRELL: Yes.	14		
15	MS. QUIANA FIELDS Mr. Griesel?		system	
16	MR. DAVID GRIESEL Yes.	16	And it was suggested that the original	
17	MS. QUIANA FIELDS: Dr. Hammon?	17	proposed language on emergency notification was too	
18	DR. TRACY HAMMON: Yes	18	vague. So staff modified 631-3-2 to clarify that all	
19	MS. QUIANA FIELDS: Mr. Kinder?	19	E. coli positive results must be reported to the	
20	MR, JAMES KINDER: Yes.	20	designated Water Quality Division personnel	
21	MS. QUIANA FIELDS: Mr. Munson?	21	immediately by phone and by e-mail.	
22	VICE CHAIRMAN TIM MUNSON: Yes.	22	DEQ received no formal comments on 631.	
23	MS. QUIANA FIELDS: Mr. Nicholson?	23	CHAIRMAN JAN KUNZE: Do I have any questions	
24	MR. HOMER NICHOLSON: Yes:	24	or discussion from the Board? Questions or	
25	MS. QUIANA FIELDS: Mr. Sims?	l	discussion?	
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1 that. It's not necessarily a critical bill to us. So
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- 2 we'll see. I think next week that one may come up and
- 3 we'll see if it gets through committee.
- There is also some bills to watch out there.
- 5 One key one that did get through committee and it's
- 6 going to the Senate floor Jimmy may have to help me
- 7 with the bill number -- but it was a bill that allows
- 8 the legislature to approve or disapprove or amend
- 9 rules. And to go through the process that we do with
- 10 talking to the Governor's office about what we're
- 11 going to present to a Council, going through multiple
- 12 Council meetings usually, going to the Board, going
- 13 back to the Governor and the legislature, for now,
- 14 currently, it's required that they affirmatively
- 15 approve a rule. Historically, it had been
- 16 affirmatively disapprove a rule they didn't like. So
- 17 if they didn't take action, other rules were okay.
- 18 And the last two years that that's been in effect, the
- 19 Senate has not taken up rules and affirmatively
- 20 approved them. And after the session the Governor, at
- 21 the end of the session, the Governor's had to act to
- 22 affirm rules in lieu of the Senate taking their
- 23 action.
- 24 So, this is kind of a - I don't know what
- 25 the point is exactly. I do have some concerns if the

- 1 majority of folks who are -- who understand that will
 - 2 comply with the federal rule, regardless of what we
 - 3 say or do.
 - So, again, that's not it may have -
 - 5 the these folks probably have good intentions and
 - 6 I'd be all for it, you know, poking some of the
 - 7 federal things with a sharp stick as much as I can,
 - 8 but I think we need to do it in a way that actually
 - 9 has a chance to, you know, to win, to prevail, not in
 - 10 a way that just sets us up for serious problems.
 - 11 So, you know, you all may want to take a look
 - 12 at those and speak your peace to whoever you choose to
 - 13 about those things to help them, maybe, understand
 - 14 sort of the reality we're facing.
 - 15 Now there is some situations in which we've
 - 16 recently experienced where one or two people in the
 - 17 federal government can change the interpretation of a
 - 18 law, of a statute or a rule, arbitrarily on their own
 - 19 without going through a rulemaking and, essentially,
 - 20 change federal law.
 - 21 (Whereupon, Mr. Steve Mason entered the
 - 22 meeting.)
 - 23 MR. SCOTT THOMPSON: And so, I'd be perfectly
 - 24 happy to stand up against that and say, no, we're not
 - 25 doing that, because you didn't go through a proper

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- 1 legislature were to arbitrarily amend rules maybe for
- 2 one party or without even understanding what the rules
- 3 are and how would -- the process that we go through to
- 4 create them and implement them and make sure that
- 5 they're protective of the environment and not too
- 6 onerous for the folks that have to be regulated. I think that's a pretty dangerous thing to
- 8 do. If they never take up the affirmative approval or
- 9 disapproval amendment, it may not matter. But it's --
- 10 I don't know. But that one's sitting out there and
- 11 it's going to go before the full Senate. You might
- 12 want to take a look at that.
- 13 And there's also another rule that I don't
- 14 believe has gone through committee yet, I'm not quite
- 15 sure on basically stating that we don't have to
- 16 follow federal rules and state employees are exempt
- 17 from liability. It has gone through a committee, so
- 18 it may be going to the floor as well, that state
- 19 employees are exempt from liability if we choose not
- 20 to implement federal rules. That does not help the
- 21 regulated community. So the regulated community will
- 22 be sitting there with a big target on their back.
- 23 And, you know, and EPA or other folks may decide to
- 24 step in and take direct enforcement on local
- 25 governments or industry to their detriment. And the

- 1 rulemaking, et cetera.
- 2 Still, we have to be careful and we have to
- 3 walk that fine line that we're in compliance with
- 4 federal rules, even when we're pushing back on stuff
- 5 that doesn't make sense or is not even environmentally
- 6 protective
- 7 So Jimmy, do you have those bill numbers?
 - MR. JIMMY GIVENS: Well, I think the one you
- 9 referred to about amendments to rules after it leaves
- 10 the legislature, actually there's a couple of bills.
- 11 SB -
- 12 CHAIRMAN JAN KUNZE: Jimmy, I might ask you
- 13 to come to the mic.
- 14 MR. JIMMY GIVENS: Sure. My apology. Jimmy
- 15 Givens. I'm the Deputy Director.
- A couple of bills that were mentioned, and I 16
- 17 should even those these have been through a
- 18 committee, I should mention. Michelle reminded me, the
- 19 title is off, which means that there will be
- 20 additional work done on them as they make their way
- 21 through the process.
- 22 Senate Bill 1130 is the one that Scott
- 23 referred to about amendments made by -- to rulemaking
- 24 by the legislature.
 - Senate Bill 1161 has to do with federal rules

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1 being subject to review by the legislature and the

2 non-liability of state employees for not complying

3 with those federal rules.

I think those are the main two that you

5 brought up.

6 Senate Bill 1292 also has to do with the

7 legislature having the capability to amend rules.

8 rather than simply offer a thumbs up or a thumbs down.

9 And I don't know whether you intended to mention the

10 so-called Reconciliation Bill or not.

11 MR. SCOTT THOMPSON: Yeah. Which number is

12 that?

13 MR. JIMMY GIVENS: That's House Bill 3058.

14 MR, SCOTT THOMPSON: Okay, Yeah, There's a

15 bill that calls for OMES to be able to reconcile

16 revolving funds in August each year, which there's no

17 clarity as to what that means. It sort of appears at

18 the moment to mean that after you go through the

19 budget process and they decide to set your general

20 appropriations, they maybe take some revolving funds,

21 that OMES might be able to dip in and take more money

22 out of your revolving fund without -- essentially no

23 controls.

24 So, you know, I can envision a scenario where

25 we're facing potentially - I can't remember what the

1 where people are getting more general revenue than

2 they need to operate in a given year, that might make

3 some sense. But it's just not clear at all what that

4 means. And so we're going to keep an eye on that one.

Okay. And on to the other business. You

6 know, you're all aware of, I think, the water issues

7 in Flint, Michigan. And we've been looking at that,

8 trying understand what happened there. And we're

9 going to convene some internal meetings and make sure

We don't expect that we would have a similar

10 that we're covering all our bases with regard to that:

12 problem here. One, we don't have very much lead pipe,

13 like they do in other parts of the country. We also

14 test for some things, like alkalinity and pH, that

15 some of these folks don't test for on a regular basis,

16 which would indicate whether you have a corrosivity

17 problem and that you need to address that in your

18 treatment early, before you get it in your system.

19 So, you know, we're trying to look at what's

20 happened there and make sure that we don't have any

21 issue and learn from it and do better here.

22 And then another topic that gets a lot of

23 attention is seismicity. And, you know, are landfills

24 safe, are water wells safe, is our hazardous waste

25 landfill safe. And, you know, we've been taking

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1 another look at that and we have some information in

2 your packets with regard to some of our research on

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3 that. Everything looks pretty good.

4 The standard landfill design these days is

5 pretty - is not very susceptible to seismic issues.

6 You know, maybe if you had a large landfill on the

7 side of a pretty steep hill, or something like that:

8 you'd have a little more potential for slippage or

9 something, but we don't have those kind of situations.

10 And so, we're going to be evaluating that, determining

11 whether we need to update anything.

12 If USGS updates their map, that affects some

13 of what we do, then we will take a look at that and

14 adopt that, incorporate whatever we need to do,

15 And in December, Secretary Teague and the

16 Secretary of Health and Agriculture and the Agency

17 Directors and Lab Directors all toured each other's

18 labs. There are three main labs that the state runs.

19 And we determined that the labs are already

20 cooperating quite a bit, more than any of us really

21 understood, except maybe the Lab Directors, in working

22 together comprehensively.

23 And there's not really a lot of savings, you

24 know, to try to consider consolidating those

25 laboratories. They do different things, use different

1 term is now — I'd consider it assimilation. But I

2 think it might be unification of (T stuff where --

3 that that's a changing definition of what that means,4 It's starting to sound a little more reasonable these

5 days. But they're saying that they want agencies to

6 upgrade their IT infrastructure, hardware and such

7 before this. But if you can't afford it, then they'll

8 rent it to you. So I can kind of foresee them taking9 money out of the revolving fund, buying equipment and

10 making me rent it from them. So I don't like that at

11 all, I'm kind of a tightwad. I would rather pay

12 stuff off than pay rent forever.

13 So I don't know quite what that means, how

14 that's going to work, but that's something to keep an

15 eye on. It's a little bit concerning, since to date

16 we haven't really heard any details or aren't really

17 quite able to understand how that's supposed to work.

18 So and I do believe there are some agencies

19 that carry over general revenue from year to year, so

20 they may not spend all their general revenue they get

21 in a given year. We spend all of ours.

We do carry over fee money from year to yearor perhaps settlement funds, or something like that,

24 that came from a legal settlement. But, you know, if

25 they were going to look at those general revenues

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1 methodologies. Our a lab does a couple hundred

- 2 different methods and is accredited for those and it
- 3 has to accredit other people for most of those
- 4 methods.
- 5 And so, you know, the complexity of that is
- 6 not well understood by people that think, well, one
- 7 lab is a lab. They've got this piece of equipment or
- B a similar piece of equipment, you can just run
- 9 anything, you know. That's not how it works. It
- 10 takes several years to set up and be proficient and
- 11 make sure things are working well. And there's really
- 12 not room in anybody's facility to take other people
- 13 in.
- 14 So, but we're going to have the -- at
- 15 Secretary Teague's direction, we are going to have the
- 16 Lab Directors meet routinely and see if there is any
- 17 ways that we can save some money, like equipment
- 18 purchases or long term maintenance contracts for
- 19 equipment that we could go together on, maybe get a
- 20 better price, et cetera. So I think that's going to
- 21 be helpful.
- 22 And, you know, our laboratory -- many of our
- 23 methods are not supported by our fees. And I don't
- 24 think the other agencies would be terribly interested
- 25 in taking on methods that weren't supported by the

- We've also, you know, its Oklahoma. Every
 - 2 year we always have natural disasters. And recently
 - 3 we've had some major issues with some storms and brush
 - 4 management and we've been helping some local towns out
 - with projects to take care of that brush.
 - And one of the things we're trying to do is
 - 7 to help these communities get used to the idea of
 - 8 using air curtain incinerators. It's basically a big.
 - 9 giant fan. And if you dig a pit and you manage it
 - 10 right, you get a very clean burn. If you don't do it
 - 11 right, you don't get a clean burn, you get a lot of
 - 12 soot and smoke in the air and stuff. And so, but
 - 13 it's you know, it's a new technology and you can
 - 14 burn up your air curtain incinerator pretty fast if
 - 15 you don't do it right.
 - 16 And so, we're working with communities to try
 - 17 to get them used to the idea of using those. And
 - 18 parts of the state it's mandatory. And we think it's
 - 19 just wise to try to go that direction.
 - 20 We also like to help with chipping and
 - 21 grinding of brush to use as soil amendments. But it's
 - 22 more expensive than the air curtain incinerators. So
 - 23 but that's probably the direction people are going to
 - 24 be going more, unless they already have the
 - 25 chipping/grinding equipment.

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- 1 fees that would be collected.
- So, the -- all right. In 2015, we've worked
- 3 with the Department of Commerce and they reported 123
- 4 new and expanding businesses in the state. Of those
- 5 123, DEQ provided customer and technical assistance to
- 6 64. We're working with the Department of Commerce to
- 7 look at the economics of some of what we do.
- 8 Brownfield sites in particular, and try to, you know,
- 9 make it clear to people how important for the economy
- 10 some of what we do in the environmental regulation or 11 clean-up world is for Oklahoma. And so, we'll bring
- 12 that information as we get that better developed.
- 13 But, you know, it's not too hard, when you
- 14 look at where the Thunder play, the arena there, I
- 15 guess it's back to Chesapeake Arena, I can't remember,
- 16 and Bricktown and a lot of those areas that we've done
- 17 voluntary clean ups or we've assisted Oktahoma City
- 18 and we've done this in other parts of the state.
- 19 Tulsa, et cetera, where you have major developments go
- 20 on that might not happen if people were too afraid of
- 21 the environmental issues. Even sometimes just the
- 22 potential for an environmental issue that may not even
- 23 exist, but we need to go in and document it, it
- 24 doesn't exist and it's not harmful and they can go
- 25 forward with those projects.

But I think we may have mentioned this

- 2 before. But we were the first agency to reach the
- 3 Governor's 20 percent energy reduction goal by 2020.
- 4 And we've -- we're now heading towards 30 percent
- 5 energy reduction. And some of the things we're doing.
- 6 there is not too long a payback. So it's actually
- 7 conserving funds to do some of this stuff. If you
- 8 look over a, you know, five year time scale. So we
- 9 hope that we continue to find ways to improve our
- 10 efficiency and get a pay off for it.
- So in 2015, December of 2015, we used three
- 12 and a quarter percent less electricity than we did the
- 13 year before in December. So that's one measure of the
- 14 improvement that we've made and how we've attacked
- 15 this.
- You know, agency morale is a concern that you
- 17 guys have expressed to us that you wanted to keep tabs
- 18 on. And so we've begun the process of doing another
- 19 employee survey, similar to the one we did two years
- 20 ago. Saba Tahmassebi is in charge of that. And he's 21 made good progress. We've talked to OMES about their
- 22 processes for survey and it was determined that it'd
- 23 probably be best to do one that was similar to the one
- 24 that we did two years ago to see what the changes are.
- 25 And so, he has worked on that and we will be

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1 presenting that to you after the survey is conducted.
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- 2 CHAIRMAN JAN KUNZE: Scott, do you have a
- 3 timeline on that?
- 4 MR. SCOTT THOMPSON: I do not. Is Saba here?
- 5 MS. KATHY AEBISCHER: End of February.
- 6 By the end of February.
- 7 MR. SCOTT THOMPSON: He Okay. Yeah.
- 8 February. The end of this month, Saba?
- 9 MR SABA TAHMASSERI: Yes
- 10 MR. SCOTT THOMPSON: Thank you. Yeah. He's
- 11 got it pretty well developed. So it's just a matter
- 12 of getting it implemented with SurveyMonkey or
- 13 whatever we're going to use. I think that's what
- 14 we're going to use.
- 15 So, you know, and, you know, we have I'd
- 16 just like to say how much I appreciate the staff and
- 17 all the things they do. We have a very high quality
- 18 staff. And it's been challenging the last several
- 19 years to hang on to some of them, and we've tost quite
- 20 a few. And, you know, the silver lining to a oil bust
- 21 for us usually is that we can pick up some more high
- 22 quality folks with outside experience. And it's
- 23 healthy for the agency to do so. But with the state's
- 24 current budget crisis, it doesn't look like we're
- 25 going to be able to take advantage of that this time.

- 1 So for this current fiscal year, as of
 - 2 January 31st, this is a snapshot of our revenue. We
 - 3 are down overall about 700,000. We think most of that
 - 4 is timing differences. We should catch up. There's a
 - 5 portion of the lab that we believe we probably will
 - 6 not receive due to the state appropriation cuts. One
 - 7 is a contract with the Water Resource Board. So
 - 8 they're going to have to cut their budget which
 - 9 affects that piece for the lab.
 - 10 Expenditures. We are on target. We don't
 - 11 have any concerns. We have been planning for a year
 - 12 to be able to react to any budget issues that might
 - 13 come up. So for this year, we're in good shape. We
 - 14 know that next year we're going to have some
 - 15 challenges, but we have put in place regular monthly
 - 16 meetings with each division that finance has so that
 - 17 we can talk through current numbers, any actions that
 - 18 we need to take, foreseeing any slide in revenue or
 - 19 general appropriations.
 - 20 This is where we are on all funding sources
 - 21 as of January 31st of this year. We have like I
 - 22 said, don't have any concerns at this point. But we
 - 23 just started the process for FY-17. We're going to
 - 24 have some scenarios, because right now we just don't
 - 25 have a lot of information on, you know, what the

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- But, nevertheless, the folks we have, I
- 2 think, you know, we understand that it's very dark for
- 3 the state's budget outlook probably for the next year
- 4 for sure. Hopefully it will get better after that.
- 5 But we'll have to see. And our folks are going to6 have to do a little more with less. And I think
- 7 they're prepared to do that. They've been able to do
- 8 it in the past when we've been through circumstances
- 9 like this. And so, I just I'd really like to
- 10 commend our staff and the work that they do.
- 11 Also, to give you a brief update on budget,
- 12 I'd like to ask Kathy Aebischer, our CFO, to come up.
- 13 I believe that you have a handout in your packets.
- 14 MS. CAROL BARTLETT: I will ask the Board to
- 15 move this way so we can -
- 16 MR. SCOTT THOMPSON: Oh, okay. Are we going
- 17 to project it? So I've got to move.
- 18 MS. CAROL BARTLETT: You all have to move
- 19 your chairs, too, so the bottom part is not cut off.
- 20 Kathy, is your clicker working? Push that
- 21 middle part.
- 22 MS. KATHY AEBISCHER: Yes.
- 23 Well, good morning. Kathy Aebischer, DEQ
- 24 Chief Financial Officer. I was going to give you an
- 25 overview of the current state of DEQ.

- 1 results of the budget is going to be. So we're having
 - 2 each division come up with several scenarios so that
 - 3 we can be ready to run on July 1.
 - 4 That's about everything I have. Are there
 - 5 any questions?
 - 6 MR. STEVE MASON: Kathy, Steve Mason of the
 - 7 Board.
 - 8 The Governor's already mandated budget cuts.
 - 9 The six percent they're talking about, how is it that
 - 10 for this budget?
 - 11 MS. KATHY AEBISCHER: For this current year,
- 12 the revenue failures that have been happening has not
- 13 affected DEQ. If you remember, we had a discussion
- 14 last year that they switched us to a different fund, a
 15 special cash fund. It's still state appropriated, but
- 16 the requirements on that fund is different. We get
- 17 the majority of the funds up front. And if there's a
- 18 revenue failure, it doesn't affect us
- 19 So, we were kind of concerned in the first
- 20 part of the year, because we've always been in general
- 21 appropriations. But it's actually worked out well for
- 22 us.
- 23 So for this year, we are in good shape. Not
- 24 sure if that's going to, you know, kind of come into
- 25 their planning that we're in a different fund, so



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